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"AN ACT CONCERNING OPPORTUNITY ZONES."

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- 1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 32-1d of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

5 The commissioner shall appoint a Deputy Commissioner of
6 Economic and Community Development who shall be qualified by
7 training and experience for the duties of the office of commissioner
8 and shall, in the absence, disability or disqualification of the
9 commissioner, perform all the functions and have all the powers and
10 duties of said office. In addition to any other powers, duties or
11 responsibilities, the Deputy Commissioner of Economic and
12 Community Development shall act as the state's primary point of
13 contact for all state programs relating to the federal opportunity zone
14 program, established pursuant to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017,
15 P.L. 115-97. The position of the Deputy Commissioner of Economic
16 and Community Development shall be exempt from the classified
17 service.

18 Sec. 2. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 32-726 of the
19 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
20 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

21 (b) (1) The commissioner shall establish an office of the permit
22 ombudsman for the purpose of expediting review of permit
23 applications for projects that would (A) create at least one hundred
24 jobs, (B) create fifty jobs, if such project is to be located in an enterprise
25 zone designated pursuant to section 32-70, (C) be located in a
26 brownfield, as defined in section 32-760, (D) be compatible with the
27 state's responsible growth initiatives, (E) be considered transit-oriented
28 development, as defined in section 13b-79kk, (F) develop green
29 technology business, (G) develop bioscience business, (H) develop any
30 of the state's federally designated opportunity zones, or [(H)] (I) meet
31 the criteria set forth in subdivision (2) of this subsection. Projects
32 ineligible for review under this section are projects for which the
33 primary purpose is to (i) effect the final disposal of solid waste,
34 biomedical waste or hazardous waste in this state, (ii) produce
35 electrical power, unless the production of electricity is incidental and

36 not the primary function of the project, (iii) extract natural resources,
37 (iv) produce oil, or (v) construct, maintain or operate an oil, petroleum,
38 natural gas or sewage pipeline. For purposes of this section,
39 "responsible growth initiatives" includes the principles of smart
40 growth, as defined in section 1 of public act 09-230, and "green
41 technology business" means an eligible business with not less than
42 twenty-five per cent of its employment positions being positions in
43 which green technology is employed or developed and may include
44 the occupation codes identified as green jobs by the Department of
45 Economic and Community Development and the Labor Department
46 for such purposes. The permit ombudsman shall also assist and
47 provide guidance to bioscience businesses seeking to expedite the
48 review and approval of permits required by local zoning authorities.

49 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of
50 the general statutes, the Department of Economic and Community
51 Development shall identify and market ten geographically diverse,
52 vacant, state-owned properties located in federally designated
53 opportunity zones from the priority list established pursuant to
54 subsection (b) of this section. Selection of such state-owned properties
55 shall be in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this
56 section.

57 (b) On or before February 1, 2020, the Department of Economic and
58 Community Development shall develop a priority list of
59 geographically diverse, vacant, state-owned properties located in
60 federally designated opportunity zones to be marketed based on
61 criteria to include, but not be limited to, properties that (1) have
62 economic development viability, (2) are located in a federally
63 designated opportunity zone, (3) have access to transportation or other
64 infrastructure, (4) the development of which would be consistent with
65 the department's plan of economic development in federally
66 designated opportunity zones, and (5) the transfer of which to a
67 private party would not conflict with state law.

68 (c) The Department of Economic and Community Development

69 shall solicit proposals from companies interested in purchasing any of
70 the state-owned properties on the priority list developed pursuant to
71 subsection (b) of this section. The Commissioner of Economic and
72 Community Development shall review such proposals and match up
73 to ten of the state-owned properties with such companies. The
74 commissioner may (1) sell, notwithstanding chapter 59 of the general
75 statutes, any such property owned, possessed or controlled by the
76 Department of Economic and Community Development to such
77 companies, or (2) present such proposals to the state agency that owns,
78 possesses or controls such property, which may sell, notwithstanding
79 chapter 59 of the general statutes, such property to such companies.

80 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than September 1, 2019, and
81 within available appropriations, the Department of Economic and
82 Community Development shall create and maintain an Internet web
83 site that is specifically dedicated to marketing and promoting state-
84 owned properties located in federally designated opportunity zones,
85 and develop and implement a marketing campaign for such properties
86 and Internet web site.

87 Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Economic and
88 Community Development shall, not later than February 1, 2020, and
89 within available appropriations, collaborate with local, private and
90 civic partners to host a series of not less than five regional roundtable
91 events in the state to advertise the state's federally designated
92 opportunity zones and educate attendees regarding any federal or
93 state rules and regulations relating to opportunity zones.

94 Sec 6. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than February 1, 2020, and
95 within available appropriations, the Department of Economic and
96 Community Development shall host an Opportunity Connecticut
97 conference to highlight state programs relating to opportunity zones
98 and to network opportunity zone funds and opportunity zone project
99 sponsors.

100 Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Economic and

101 Community Development shall, within available appropriations,
102 develop marketing materials that highlight the state's economic
103 development strategy relating to federally designated opportunity
104 zones and methods that may be used by the state and municipalities to
105 add value to such opportunity zones.

106 Sec. 8. Section 10-416c of the general statutes is repealed and the
107 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

108 (a) As used in this section, the following terms shall have the
109 following meanings unless the context clearly indicates another
110 meaning:

111 (1) "Officer" means the State Historic Preservation Officer
112 designated pursuant to 36 CFR 61.2;

113 (2) "Certified historic structure" means any property that: (A) Is
114 listed individually on the National or State Register of Historic Places,
115 or (B) is located in a district listed on the National or State Register of
116 Historic Places and has been certified by the officer as contributing to
117 the historic character of such district;

118 (3) "Certified rehabilitation" means any rehabilitation of a certified
119 historic structure for (A) residential use of five units or more, (B)
120 mixed residential and nonresidential uses, or (C) nonresidential use
121 consistent with the historic character of such property or the district in
122 which such property is located, as determined by regulations adopted
123 by the Department of Economic and Community Development;

124 (4) "Owner" means any person, firm, limited liability company,
125 nonprofit or for-profit corporation or other business entity or
126 municipality that possesses title to an historic structure and that
127 undertakes the rehabilitation of such structure;

128 (5) "Placed in service" means the completion of substantial
129 rehabilitation work that would allow for occupancy of the entire
130 building or an identifiable portion of the building;

131 (6) "Qualified rehabilitation expenditures" means any costs incurred
132 for the physical construction involved in the rehabilitation of a
133 certified historic structure, excluding: (A) The owner's personal labor,
134 (B) the cost of a new addition, except as required to comply with any
135 provision of the State Building Code or the Fire Safety Code, and (C)
136 any nonconstruction cost such as architectural fees, legal fees and
137 financing fees;

138 (7) "Rehabilitation plan" means any narrative, construction plans
139 and specifications for the proposed rehabilitation of a certified historic
140 structure in sufficient detail for evaluation of compliance with the
141 Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, as established
142 in 36 CFR 67;

143 (8) "Substantial rehabilitation" or "substantially rehabilitate" means
144 the qualified rehabilitation expenditures of a certified historic structure
145 that exceed twenty-five per cent of the assessed value of such
146 structure;

147 (9) "Affordable housing" has the same meaning as provided in
148 section 8-39a; and

149 (10) "Project" means an undertaking involving rehabilitation work to
150 a certified historic structure and any attached or adjacent new
151 construction, associated demolition or improvements on the site that
152 may affect the historic character or significance of the certified historic
153 structure.

154 (b) (1) The Department of Economic and Community Development
155 shall administer a system of tax credit vouchers within the resources,
156 requirements and purposes of this section for owners rehabilitating
157 certified historic structures.

158 (2) The credit authorized by this section shall be available in the tax
159 year in which the substantially rehabilitated certified historic structure
160 is placed in service. In the case of projects completed in phases, the tax
161 credit shall be prorated to the substantially rehabilitated identifiable

162 portion of the building placed in service. If the tax credit is more than
163 the amount owed by the taxpayer for the year in which the
164 substantially rehabilitated certified historic structure is placed in
165 service, the amount that is more than the taxpayer's tax liability may be
166 carried forward and credited against the taxes imposed for the
167 succeeding five years or until the full credit is used, whichever occurs
168 first.

169 (3) In the case of projects completed in phases, the Department of
170 Economic and Community Development may issue vouchers for the
171 substantially rehabilitated identifiable portion of the building placed in
172 service.

173 (4) If a credit is allowed under this section for rehabilitation of a
174 certified historic structure with multiple owners, such credit shall be
175 passed through to such owners, or persons designated as partners or
176 members of such owners, pro rata or pursuant to an agreement among
177 such owners, or persons designated as partners or members of such
178 owners, documenting an alternative distribution method without
179 regard to other tax or economic attributes of such owners.

180 (5) Any owner entitled to a credit under this section may sell,
181 assign, or otherwise transfer such credit, in whole or in part, to one or
182 more persons, as defined in section 12-1, provided any credit, after
183 issuance, may be sold, assigned or otherwise transferred, in whole or
184 in part, not more than three times. Such person shall be entitled to
185 offset the tax imposed under chapter 207, 208, 209, 210, 211 or 212 as if
186 such transferee had incurred the qualified rehabilitation expenditure.

187 (6) If a credit under this section is sold, assigned or otherwise
188 transferred, whether by the owner or any subsequent transferee, the
189 transferor and transferee shall jointly submit written notification of
190 such transfer to the Department of Economic and Community
191 Development not later than thirty days after such transfer. The
192 notification after each transfer shall include the credit voucher number,
193 the date of transfer, the amount of such credit transferred, the tax

194 credit balance before and after the transfer, the tax identification
195 numbers for both the transferor and the transferee, and any other
196 information required by the department. Failure to comply with this
197 subsection shall result in a disallowance of the tax credit until there is
198 full compliance on the part of the transferor and the transferee, and for
199 a second or third transfer, on the part of all subsequent transferors and
200 transferees.

201 (7) The Department of Economic and Community Development
202 shall provide a list to the Commissioner of Revenue Services, on an
203 annual basis, detailing the credits that have been approved for the
204 most recent fiscal year and all sales, assignments and transfers thereof
205 that were made under this section for said year.

206 (c) The Department of Economic and Community Development
207 may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to carry out the
208 purposes of this section. Such regulations shall include provisions for:
209 (1) The filing of applications, (2) the rating criteria for evaluating
210 applications, and (3) the timely approval of applications by the
211 department. The rating criteria for evaluating applications shall give
212 priority to applications of owners rehabilitating certified historic
213 structures located in federally designated opportunity zones.

214 (d) For the purpose of seeking a tax credit pursuant to subsection (b)
215 of this section, prior to beginning any rehabilitation work on a certified
216 historic structure, the owner shall submit to the officer (1) (A) a
217 rehabilitation plan for a determination of whether such rehabilitation
218 work meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation,
219 as established in 36 CFR 67, and (B) if such rehabilitation work is
220 planned to be undertaken in phases, a complete description of each
221 such phase, with anticipated schedules for completion; (2) an estimate
222 of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures; and (3) for projects
223 pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this section, (A) the
224 number of units of affordable housing to be created, (B) the proposed
225 rents or sale prices of such units, and (C) the median income for the
226 municipality where the project is located. For projects under

227 subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this section, the owner shall submit
228 a copy of data required under subdivision (3) of this subsection to the
229 Department of Housing.

230 (e) If the officer certifies that the rehabilitation plan conforms to the
231 Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, as established
232 in 36 CFR 67, the Department of Economic and Community
233 Development shall reserve for the benefit of the owner an allocation
234 for a tax credit equivalent to (1) twenty-five per cent of the projected
235 qualified rehabilitation expenditures, (2) thirty per cent of the
236 projected qualified rehabilitation expenditures if the certified historic
237 structure is located in a federally designated opportunity zone, or [(2)]
238 (3) thirty per cent of the projected qualified rehabilitation expenditures
239 if (A) at least twenty per cent of the units are rental units and qualify as
240 affordable housing, or (B) at least ten per cent of the units are
241 individual homeownership units and qualify as affordable housing.
242 No tax credit shall be allocated for the purposes of subdivision (2) of
243 this subsection unless an applicant received a certificate from the
244 Commissioner of Housing pursuant to section 8-37III confirming that
245 the project complies with the definition of affordable housing under
246 section 8-39a.

247 (f) Following the completion of rehabilitation of a certified historic
248 structure in its entirety or in phases to an identifiable portion of the
249 building, any owner who seeks a tax credit pursuant to subsection (b)
250 of this section shall notify the officer that such rehabilitation is
251 complete. Such owner shall provide the officer with documentation of
252 work performed on the certified historic structure and shall submit
253 certification of the costs incurred in rehabilitating the certified historic
254 structure. The officer shall review such rehabilitation and verify its
255 compliance with the rehabilitation plan. Following such verification,
256 the Department of Economic and Community Development shall issue
257 a tax credit voucher to such owner or to the taxpayer named by such
258 owner as contributing to the rehabilitation. The tax credit voucher shall
259 be in an amount equivalent to the lesser of the tax credit reserved upon
260 certification of the rehabilitation plan under the provisions of

261 subsection (e) of this section or (1) twenty-five per cent of the actual
262 qualified rehabilitation expenditures, or (2) for projects including
263 affordable housing pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this
264 section, thirty per cent of the actual qualified rehabilitation
265 expenditures. In order to obtain a credit against any state tax due that
266 is specified in subsection (g) of this section, the holder of the tax credit
267 voucher shall file the voucher with the holder's state tax return.

268 (g) The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall grant a tax credit to
269 a taxpayer holding the tax credit voucher issued in accordance with
270 subsections (b) to (i), inclusive, of this section against any tax due
271 under chapter 207, 208, 209, 210, 211 or 212 in the amount specified in
272 the tax credit voucher. Such taxpayer shall submit the voucher and the
273 corresponding tax return to the Department of Revenue Services.

274 (h) The Department of Economic and Community Development
275 may charge any owner seeking a tax credit pursuant to subsection (b)
276 of this section an application fee in an amount not to exceed ten
277 thousand dollars to cover the cost of administering the program
278 established pursuant to this section.

279 (i) The aggregate amount of all tax credits that may be reserved by
280 the Department of Economic and Community Development upon
281 certification of rehabilitation plans pursuant to subsections (b) to (h),
282 inclusive, of this section shall not exceed thirty-one million seven
283 hundred thousand dollars in any fiscal year. No project may receive
284 tax credits in an amount exceeding four million five hundred thousand
285 dollars.

286 (j) On or before October 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, the
287 Department of Economic and Community Development shall report,
288 in accordance with section 11-4a, the total amount of tax credits
289 reserved for the previous fiscal year pursuant to subsections (b) to (i),
290 inclusive, of this section, to the joint standing committees of the
291 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce
292 and finance, revenue and bonding. Each such report shall include the

293 following information for each project for which a tax credit has been
294 reserved: (1) The total project costs, (2) the value of the tax credit
295 reservation pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of this section,
296 (3) a statement whether the reservation is for mixed-use and if so, the
297 proportion of the project that is not residential, and (4) the number of
298 residential units to be created, and, for reservations pursuant to
299 subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this section, the value of the
300 reservation and percentage of residential units that will qualify as
301 affordable housing.

302 Sec. 9. Section 32-46 of the general statutes is repealed and the
303 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

304 (a) The corporation shall have the tax exemptions provided under
305 section 32-23h.

306 (b) [Sales] Except as provided for in subsection (c) of this section,
307 sales of and the storage, use or other consumption of any tangible
308 personal property or services acquired for incorporation into or used
309 and consumed in connection with the development, construction,
310 rehabilitation, renovation or repair of a project, as defined in
311 subsection (d) of section 32-23d, which project has been approved by
312 the board of directors of the corporation for sales and use tax relief in
313 accordance with procedures adopted by the board shall, subject to any
314 limitations or conditions of such approval, be exempt from sales and
315 use taxes imposed by chapter 219. The corporation may deliver a
316 certificate to the effect that the sale of such tangible property or
317 services is exempt from sales and use taxes imposed by said chapter
318 219, which certificate may be used in the purchase of such tangible
319 personal property or services and on which certificate each seller of
320 such tangible personal property or services may rely. The corporation
321 shall develop any such certificate in collaboration and consultation
322 with the Commissioner of Revenue Services.

323 (c) Sales of and the storage, use or other consumption of any
324 tangible personal property or services acquired for incorporation into

325 or used and consumed in connection with the development,
326 construction, rehabilitation, renovation or repair of a project, as
327 defined in subsection (d) of section 32-23d, which project is located in a
328 federally designated opportunity zone and which project's investment
329 in such opportunity zone is not less than two million five hundred
330 thousand dollars, shall be exempt from sales and use taxes imposed by
331 chapter 219. The corporation shall deliver a certificate to the effect that
332 the sale of such tangible property or services is exempt from sales and
333 use taxes imposed by chapter 219, which certificate may be used in the
334 purchase of such tangible personal property or services and on which
335 certificate each seller of such tangible personal property or services
336 may rely. The corporation shall develop any such certificate in
337 collaboration and consultation with the Commissioner of Revenue
338 Services.

339 Sec. 10. Subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of section 32-9t of the
340 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
341 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

342 (g) (1) The commissioner, upon consideration of the application, the
343 revenue impact assessment and any additional information that the
344 commissioner requires concerning a proposed investment, may
345 approve an investment if the commissioner concludes that the project
346 in which such investment is to be made is an eligible urban
347 reinvestment project or an eligible industrial site investment project.
348 The commissioner shall give priority to applications for projects
349 located in federally designated opportunity zones. If the commissioner
350 rejects an application, the commissioner shall specifically identify the
351 defects in the application and specifically explain the reasons for the
352 rejection. The commissioner shall render a decision on an application
353 not later than ninety days from its receipt. The amount of the
354 investment so approved shall not exceed the greater of: (A) The
355 amount of state revenue that will be generated according to the
356 revenue impact assessment prepared under this subsection; or (B) the
357 total of state revenue and local revenue generated according to such
358 assessment in the case of a manufacturing business with North

359 American Industrial Classification codes of 339999, 311211 through
360 312140, 324191 and 325412 that is relocating to a site in Connecticut
361 from out-of-state, provided the relocation will result in new
362 development of at least seven hundred twenty-five thousand square
363 feet in a state-sponsored industrial park.

364 Sec. 11. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Economic and
365 Community Development, in consultation with the Commissioners of
366 Energy and Environmental Protection, Transportation and Housing
367 and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, shall
368 conduct a study relating to the federal opportunity zone program,
369 established pursuant to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, P.L. 115-97,
370 and how the state may incentivize the use of such program in the state.
371 Such study shall: (1) Identify corporations and other beneficiaries of
372 capital gains within the state to develop a strategy that focuses such
373 corporations and other beneficiaries' qualified opportunity fund
374 investments locally and encourages a cycling of capital within the
375 state; (2) identify existing state incentive programs that may be used in
376 conjunction with opportunity zone benefits; (3) identify existing
377 incentives for businesses participating in the small business express
378 program to move to opportunity zones and recommend additional
379 incentives, including, but not limited to, reducing the amount of time a
380 business is required to be in business to qualify for a grant and
381 increasing the grant amount for every job created; (4) develop a plan to
382 issue bonds of the state for the purpose of providing low-interest loans
383 to investors who develop mixed-income housing in the state's
384 opportunity zones; (5) recommend incentives for investors to develop
385 mixed-income housing that utilizes solar power or other renewable
386 energy sources in the state's opportunity zones; (6) identify any
387 agency's policies or regulations that may be amended to facilitate
388 investment in federally designated opportunity zones; (7) identify any
389 agency's discretionary grant processes that may be amended to include
390 federally designated opportunity zone criteria; and (8) develop a plan
391 to use social impact bonds to encourage private investment in federally
392 designated opportunity zones. Not later than February 1, 2020, the

393 commissioner shall submit a report on the results of such study,
394 including recommendations for any requisite legislative proposals, to
395 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
396 cognizance of matters relating to commerce, in accordance with the
397 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

398 Sec. 12. Subsection (c) of section 32-765 of the general statutes is
399 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
400 *1, 2019*):

401 (c) An applicant for a loan pursuant to this section shall submit an
402 application to the Commissioner of Economic and Community
403 Development on forms provided by the commissioner and with such
404 information the commissioner deems necessary, including, but not
405 limited to: (1) A description of the proposed project; (2) an explanation
406 of the expected benefits of the project in relation to the purposes of this
407 section; (3) information concerning the financial and technical capacity
408 of the applicant to undertake the proposed project; (4) a project budget;
409 and (5) a description of the condition of the brownfield involved,
410 including the results of any environmental assessment of the
411 brownfield in the possession of or available to the applicant. The
412 commissioner shall provide loans based upon project merit and
413 viability, the economic and community development opportunity,
414 municipal support, contribution to the community's tax base, past
415 experience of the applicant, compliance history and ability to pay. For
416 applications received on and after July 1, 2019, the commissioner shall
417 give priority to proposed projects located in federally designated
418 opportunity zones.

419 Sec. 13. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 32-763 of the general
420 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
421 (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

422 (c) The commissioner may approve, reject or modify any application
423 properly submitted in accordance with the provisions of this section.
424 In reviewing an application and determining the amount of the grant,

425 if any, to be provided, the commissioner shall consider the following
 426 criteria: (1) The availability of funds; (2) the estimated costs of
 427 assessing and remediating the brownfield, if known; (3) the relative
 428 economic condition of the municipality in which the brownfield is
 429 located; (4) the relative need of the project for financial assistance; (5)
 430 the degree to which a grant under this section is necessary to induce
 431 the applicant to undertake the project; (6) the public health and
 432 environmental benefits of the project; (7) the relative benefits of the
 433 project to the municipality, the region and the state, including, but not
 434 limited to, the extent to which the project will likely result in a
 435 contribution to the municipality's tax base, the retention and creation
 436 of jobs and the reduction of blight; (8) the time frame in which the
 437 contamination occurred; (9) the relationship of the applicant to the
 438 person or entity that caused the contamination; (10) the length of time
 439 the brownfield has been abandoned; (11) the taxes owed and the
 440 projected revenues that may be restored to the community; (12) the
 441 relative need for assessment of the brownfield within the municipality
 442 or region; (13) whether the brownfield is located in a federally
 443 designated opportunity zone; and ~~[(13)]~~ (14) such other criteria as the
 444 commissioner may establish consistent with the purposes of this
 445 section.

446 (d) The commissioner shall award grants on a competitive basis,
 447 based on a request for applications occurring on or before October
 448 first, annually. The commissioner may increase the frequency of
 449 requests for applications and awards depending upon the number of
 450 applicants and the availability of funding. On and after July 1, 2019,
 451 the commissioner shall give priority to grant applications for
 452 brownfields located in federally designated opportunity zones."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	32-1d
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	32-726(b)(1)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-416c
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	32-46
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	32-9t(g)(1)
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	32-765(c)
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	32-763(c) and (d)